Granting of Prime Minister Award

†1838. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started a scheme to grant Prime Minister Award under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to those bureaucrats who have done remarkable work in the field of public administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would also consider upon starting similar award scheme to increase the quality of work of Central Secretariat also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has decided to introduce "Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration" to recognize the extraordinary and innovative work done by the officers of Central and State Governments. The Scheme aims at promoting innovative behaviour, bringing systemic changes in administration and making public delivery systems efficient and citizen friendly. All Officers of Central and State Governments individually or as a group or as organizations are eligible to be considered for the awards. The nominations will be screened by an Expert Committee whose recommendations will be considered by an Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary. This committee will make final recommendations for the approval of the Prime Minister.

Officials on deputation to PSUs

1839. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame new rules for Central cadre officials going on deputation to PSUs;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent, this would help to improve the working of the PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Development of Industrially backward areas

1840. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has formulated any new schemes for the development of industrially backward rural areas in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for speedy development of backward areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For speedy development of Industrially backward areas of the country, Government of India is implementing a number of schemes such as Package relating to New Industrial Policy in other concessions in the North Eastern Region and Sikkim, Package relating to New Industrial Policy & other concession in Special Category States (Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh), Transport Subsidy Scheme, Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, etc.